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1. From 3 to 8 July 1954, Soviet naval activity of unusual proportions and character culminating in formal exercises was observed in Swinoujscie Bay and the waters east of Ruegen Island (N 54-30, E 13-30). Light surface craft, submarines, and aircraft participated.
2. On 3 July, a strong unit comprising five German-type MFP (Marine Fahrprahn) landing craft arrived in Swinoujscie from Tromper Wiek on the northeastern coast of Ruegen Island. On 4 or 5 July, a destroyer of the OTLICHNYI Class arrived in Swinoujscie. On 5 July, a single submarine was observed in the harbor. There were indications that four or five additional submarines were present and that another arrived on 7 July. Several submarine chasers and destroyers also arrived in Swinoujscie during this period.
3. The formal exercises apparently began on the afternoon of 7 July, when a smoke screen was laid over certain parts of the harbor. The five landing craft probably left the harbor prior to this time. They reappeared on the morning of 8 July accompanied by a depot ship and escorted by six large submarine chasers which formed a circular screen around the landing craft. The convoy was proceeding from the east toward Tromper Wiek, when it was attacked by seven to nine MTBs, which laid a smoke screen and approached in column formation. The convoy turned off toward Arkona, where three destroyers were laying a smoke screen along the coast. Two of the destroyers attacked the convoy at the same time that an air attack was launched by three propeller-driven aircraft. All attacks were carried out without artillery fire. Soon thereafter, the convoy appeared to be receiving support from seven MTBs which came from the northeast and assaulted the lead destroyer located near the coast in the southern part of Tromper Wiek. At this point, all the vessels withdrew from the area.
4. During the remainder of the day and on the morning of 9 July, no Soviet naval vessels were observed. None of the submarines seen earlier in Swinoujscie were observed during the exercises on the morning of 8 July.

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